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Qualified Immunity Bill could affect police staffing

BY JOE MILLIKEN
The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – A pending bill, currently in Vermont Legislature that would eliminate qualified immunity for police officers, could negatively affect local staffing of the Bellows Falls Village Police Department moving forward.

In March, the Vermont Senate advanced a bill related to maintaining the records of judgment and settlements paid by law enforcement agencies and legal analysis of qualified immunity. If the bill passes, police officers would not have any protection from “continuous lawsuits,” and essentially it would create a private right of action against law enforcement for violating rights established under Vermont law.

This could open up a “big can of worms” and greatly hinder the already difficult task of fully staffing, not only the local Bellows Falls

Police Department, but also law enforcement throughout the state. The bill is being opposed by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, who have indicated that such a law could eventually impact firefighters and school board members as well.

The premise behind the bill is to create more accountability for police officers; however, it could also bring about more frivolous lawsuits as well. Another suggestion considers the idea of using mandatory police surveillance cameras, but that might be unrealistic considering all the costs of such an endeavor.

“The qualified immunity bill is a very sensitive issue for the police,” Bellows Falls Town Manager Scott Pickup said in a recent interview. “Recruiting officers is becoming increasingly difficult, and I believe that exposing officers to additional legal risk would only make hiring even more dif-

ficult.

“I also believe that the real issue we need to address is additional training for officers, so that we can better equip our officers with more skills to address all of the different types of issues that they face when working.”

“The last update I’ve seen is that the legislation has been significantly changed, and legislature was looking to appoint a study committee to make future recommendations.”

The Bellows Falls Village Police Department has been understaffed for a couple years now and currently only employ five fulltime officers, despite being budgeted for six. The town has considered the idea of budgeting a “hiring bonus” to help attract new officers to the staff. Other budget factors also include pending state and federal grants.

Springfield changes names of five streets

BY KYLE LAURITA-BONOMETTI
The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – In the Monday, April 25, 2022 meeting of the Springfield Selectboard, the board voted unanimously to change five street names in Springfield, primarily for the purposes of safety concerns. The roads in question are: “Baker Heights,” which will be changed to “Holt Street;” “Cutler Road,” which will be changed to “Slab City Road;” the private road off of Walnut Hill Road, which will be changed to “Cenate Way;” the private road off of Maple Dell Road, which will be changed to “Pluss Drive;” and the trailer park at 258 Fairground Road, which will be changed to “William’s Road.”

While the changes

have been greeted with gratitude and relief by several residents on the aforementioned streets, the selectboard stated several concerns regarding whether residents will be willing to change their house numbers in compliance with the ruling. According to the selectboard, the primary reason for changing the street names and numbers is “safety concerns,” namely, the ability of emergency vehicles to find houses quickly.

According to Renee Vondle, Town Planning/Zoning Administrator for the town, “the whole reason we [the Town of Springfield] are doing this is for safety...some people will put their numbers up and some people will leave theirs. So you’ll have a five on one side of the street and a five on the other side of the street.” The problem with this, according to the selectboard, is

that in an emergency, it can confuse emergency services, wasting valuable time.

Besides safety concerns, the confusion can also lead to people not getting their mail, said Vondle. Oftentimes, as Vondle said, postal workers do not have the time to differentiate between houses that share numbers, and so they will send the mail back to White River Junction instead of trying to parse out particulars while on the job.

The road name changes are expected to take place during the month of May, but the actual posting of the street signs is dependent on the sign companies contracted by the town. Public Works will erect the signs. The town is hoping for voluntary compliance from Springfield citizens and numbers will be given out at the Springfield Fire Department at a date to be determined.

Rockingham Selectboard discusses Town Plan

BY BETSY THURSTON
The Shopper

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – On Tuesday, May 3, the Rockingham Selectboard discussed the Town Plan with Planning Commissioner Deborah Wright and Town Planner Chuck Wise.

Municipal Manager Scott Pickup started by saying that the detailed Town Plan helps keep decisions relevant as conditions change for changes in development and larger land-use decisions. Wright said the plan was about 80% complete, but that they continue to polish the finished chapters. She explained that recent ARPA submissions, as highlighted by Camoin Associates as top community-supported projects, have been submitted to the planners. “Those projects, based upon grading, can strengthen the language in the chapters they pertain to...for easier access for funding,” explained Wright. She continued by saying that each chapter starts with the actions and steps of where the town is going. She said they want to “make sure it’s an active plan... [they] want everyone to use this and look at it, not just Development.”

Chair Peter Golec was concerned about housing density, mentioning that many houses have vehicles parked in the yard or on the sidewalk.

Cowan thanked Wise for being receptive to the contribution of an arts chapter, and that “acknowledging it

in the Town Plan” will assist with funding.

When asked about changing zoning regulations, Wise explained that the Town Plan came first. He said, “We can’t change zoning unless it’s mentioned and supported in the Town Plan.”

Elijah Zimmer commented on the potential for mixed-use businesses on Atkinson Street and agreed there was an opportunity for certain trades, but did not agree with commercial box stores or drive-thrus.

Cowan asked about the approach to parking requirements for apartments. Wise explained that, “Our minimum parking standards date back to the 1980s.” He said there were conditional use reviews, but for now, it was one space per unit.

Pickup said the new hazard mitigation, area-wide, and stormwater plans could be included “as an annex to a larger document.” He said these issues overlap and this would be useful information.

North asked about short-term rentals and said, “It’s very challenging to promote the town as a destination when there’s no place to spend the night.” In response, Wise said that people are concerned about losing housing stock, but that “right now, our plan, our zoning, does not even acknowledge that this industry exists...we are doing everyone a disservice [by not adding the language].”

Pickup mentioned

churches are closing and becoming condos. He said that should be acknowledged and addressed.

North mentioned prior discussions that involved condo conversions but that she did not see that language in the Town Plan. She mentioned there was interest in owning a home that was not necessarily a single-family house. Wise thought it was presented as owner-occupied, but that he would review the chapter.

Cowan mentioned that the reopening of the Vilas Bridge and connection to the Cheshire Rail Trail would bring bicycles into the square. Wright said there was an ordinance for that.

Pickup asked about another public process with the board. Wise expected more in the next couple of months. Pickup suggested they schedule them after Labor Day due to the shortened summer schedule.

Zimmer announced that on Saturday, May 14, BFDDA, the Chamber, and Rotary Club are hosting a Keep Bellows Falls Beautiful volunteer event at the Waypoint Center with coffee and pastries at 9 a.m. and a potluck lunch at noon.

The selectboard meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the Lower Theatre of the Bellows Falls Opera House at 6 p.m.

BY BILL LOCKWOOD
The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Long before European settlers came to the Vermont area and colonial governors from England started chartering towns, members of the Native American Abenaki Tribe fished the waters of the Great Falls, which they called the Kchi Põntegok. Not only this, but part of the surrounding area was part of a sacred burial ground. Today, according to spokesperson Diana Jones, hundreds of their descendants are most likely dispersed among the local population, where they have become hardly distinguishable. The only visible reminder of this past is the Petroglyphs, carvings on the rock wall by the Vilas Bridge in Bellows Falls. These are hard to access and hardly visible at all.

Since the first of the year, 2022, a committee of locals formed to raise awareness of the area’s Native American heritage. It is made up of local Chief Roger Longtoe Sheehan, his wife Linda, Abenaki Historian Richard Holschuh, Archeologist Gail Golec, Historical Society member Anette Spaulding, Rockingham Selectboard member Eliza Zimmer, and Diana Jones, a native of the area who has been in Bellows Falls most of her life.

Jones has been active in other community endeavors and says of her Native American heritage, “It’s a hard subject that I don’t think people know how to bring together. It’s a personal side of history I wanted to ex-



Petroglyphs.

PHOTO BY RICH HOLSCHUH

plore.”

Zimmer says, “The dramatic loss of the native lands hasn’t been addressed in the past. [To] the people that were here and are still here, [it] is important in reconciliation... I think people are really excited about rediscovering the history. As a selectboard member, I strongly support recognition of the indigenous people.”

Cathy Bergmann, President of the Bellows Falls Historical Society, also lends her support. She says, “The Bellows Falls Historical Society, with its total commitment to all history, celebrates an opportunity to watch and perhaps participate in the exploration of the lives, culture, and story of these indigenous people.”

Last month, the group announced the completion of their first major accomplishment. A collaboration of the Elnu Abenaki Tribe and the Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission was awarded a National Park Service Underrepresented Community Grant to reassess the historic landscape of the Petroglyphs site, reassess its sacredness, and update its listing on the Register of Historic Places. The hope and focus of the group is now the establishment of a Kchi Põntegok

Cultural Center. They state that the purpose of the center is, “To teach the community about a culture through use of events, festivals, and workshops.” Jones says the exact shape, size, and location of the center itself is still in the visionary and planning stages, but some funding sources have been identified.

The center is already one of the projects proposed for ARPA, American Rescue Plan Act, pandemic recovery funding of about \$1.5 million that is currently under consideration for distribution to various projects by the three local government boards. The Vermont Humanities Council has a Partnership Project Grant that may help, and there is also a Vermont Arts Council Cultural Facilities Grant that could be tapped. Likely the final funding will be some kind of combination of more than one source. And, as with all such projects, matching fundraising through member donations and corporate and business donations will be part of the final package.

Jones says she is happy with the progress to date. She notes that, “Nobody ever talked about it,” when she was younger. She now feels she has reconnected with this part of her past, saying, “The more stories we know, the better off we are.”

Anyone wishing information on the project can contact Jones at diana-jones339@gmail.com or 802-376-2511.

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Letter Carrier Food Drive on May 14

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Saturday, May 14 marks the return of one of America's great days of giving - the National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. According to the NALC, over the past quarter-century, letter carriers nationwide have collected more than 1.5 billion pounds of food.

This year's drive will be the first since 2019, as the pandemic forced cancellation the past two years. Each year, on the second Saturday in May, letter carriers across the country collect non-perishable food donations from their postal customers. In Springfield, both the in-town letter carriers and the rural carriers support the drive, helping the local drive to collect more food than any other Stamp Out Hunger drive in the state. These donations go directly to the food shelf at the Springfield Family

Center. "The need for food donations is great," says letter carrier Matt Downing, who spearheads the local effort.

"Our food drive's timing is crucial. Food banks and pantries often receive the majority of their donations during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons," Downing adds. "By springtime, many pantries are depleted, entering the summer low on supplies at a time when many school breakfast and lunch programs are not available to children in need."

Participating in this year's Letter Carrier Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is simple. Food donation bags will be delivered with your mail on Wednesday, May 11. Just leave a non-perishable food donation in the provided bag by your mailbox on Saturday and your letter carrier will do the rest.

The Springfield Rotary Club will be working with the letter carriers again to make this year's food drive a success. Rotarians will be at the Family Center most of Saturday, helping unload collected bags and transporting them to the center's food shelves. Food security has been a focus of the Springfield Rotary Club: in the fall, the Club held a fill-the-truck food drive in the Springfield Plaza that alleviated the food shortage around the holiday season.

In support of the Stamp Out Hunger Drive, a number of local businesses have contributed by sponsoring the collection bags.

"I invite you to join in America's great day of giving and help us in our fight to end hunger," says Downing.

Town of Springfield seeks new police chief

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Town Manager Jeff Mobus announced on Friday, May 6 that the town is seeking a Chief of Police to take charge of the Springfield Police Department upon the retirement of current Chief Mark Fountain, expected in December 2022. The transition will present an opportunity for a forward-leaning public safety official to redefine the department for the twenty-first century. The search is being conducted by Town Manager Mobus with the

assistance of JW Leadership Consulting.

Springfield is a full-service town in east-central Vermont with a 2020 population of 9,062. Founded in 1761, the town serves as the regional hub for services such as state government, technology innovation, medical care, and education. The town hosts a regional airport, a small hospital, and a medium-security state correctional facility. Immediately accessible from Interstate 91, Exit 7, Springfield shares a border with New Hamp-

shire along the Connecticut River.

The creation of the Black River Innovation Campus and Springfield's robust fiber optic internet has led to the town's reputation as the "Silicon Valley of the Upper Valley." The selected candidate for Chief of Police will play a significant role in bringing that vision to reality by creating a culture of safety.

Springfield Police Department has a staff of 24 including dispatchers. Its 2022-2023 budget is approximately \$2 million. The department provides law enforcement services for an area of forty-nine square miles and has been described as one of the busiest departments in Windsor County.

Specific requirements and a more detailed overview of the department and the community can be found on the town's website at www.springfieldvt.gov/policechief.

Application deadline is June 15, 2022.

Springfield Elks initiation

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Elks Lodge 1560 held their first initiation of the 2022/2023 Elk Year on Monday, April 25, 2022. Shown left to right are Heidi Olney, Exalted Ruler Ed Knoras, and Nick Armstrong-Koch.



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"Blessing of the Bikers" ride

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Saturday, May 21 at 10 a.m., there will be a "Blessing of the Bikers" ride, starting at the Calvary Baptist Church at 158 Main St., Springfield, Vt. The ride will feature a local trip and food after the ride at Calvary Baptist.

Springfield Area CARES Act Revolving Loan

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Regional Development Corporation has announced the approval of \$265,000 in financing for four area companies through the Springfield Area CARES Act Revolving Loan Fund. The Fund is the result of a grant from the Economic Development Administration and is intended to assist businesses with recovery or growth needs stemming

from the pandemic.

The loans that were approved include financing for the pending reopening of the Hartness House in Springfield, including the restaurant portion of the operation. Other financing will support the opening of Maria's 371 Family Restaurant and with growth needs at Vermont Dry & Cure Technologies in North Springfield.

Previous Springfield Area CARES Act RLF loans were

approved for the Inn Victoria in Chester as well as DJ's Enterprises and JC's Market & Deli in North Springfield.

Funds are still available until June 30 in the Springfield Area CARES Act Revolving Loan Fund for businesses in the ten towns within the SRDC service region. For more information, or to get a loan application, please contact us at SRDC at 802-885-3061 or bobf@springfielddevelopment.org.

Edgar May introduces new Director of Health and Wellness

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center is pleased to announce that Kristen Miller is joining our team as the Director of Health and Wellness.

Kristen has a master's degree in Exercise Physiology from the University of New Mexico, is an ACSM certified clinical exercise physiologist and ACE certified health coach, has advanced certifications in nutrition, mindfulness teaching, and over 20 years of experience working with clients in both clinical and private settings. Kristen also does per-

diem clinical work in cardiac testing and cardiopulmonary rehabilitation.

An accomplished athlete in swimming, triathlon, and CrossFit, Kristen has also experienced the struggle of trying to find a lifestyle balance. She firmly believes in a fitness and healthy living approach that focuses of the six lifestyle pillars of strength, mobility and flexibility, mindfulness, aerobic and anaerobic fitness, nutrition, and happiness. "I'm a firm believer that there is no 'one size fits all' approach to health," says Kristen, "and I will find the one that works for you!"

Kristen has helped many

individuals find their way back to moving pain free and enjoying the activities they love. "I believe that everyone can achieve and maintain health, happiness, and longevity when the right principles are applied," she adds.

In her role as the Director of Health and Wellness at the EdgarMay, Kristen will be offering coaching and personal training, developing new wellness programs and events for the community, and working closely with Springfield Medical Care Systems' Lifestyle Medicine program. In the next few weeks, Kristen will also be adding new meditation and mobility classes to the group fitness schedule.

"Kristen's education, wealth of experience, and her passion and personality make her a great fit for the EdgarMay and the greater Springfield community," says Executive Director Christian Craig. "We are excited to have her join us and expand our health and wellness programming."

Please join us in welcoming Kristen into our Edgar May community. If you're interested in meeting with Kristen for wellness training, fill out a wellness request card at the Front Desk or email Kristen at kmiller@edgarmay.org.

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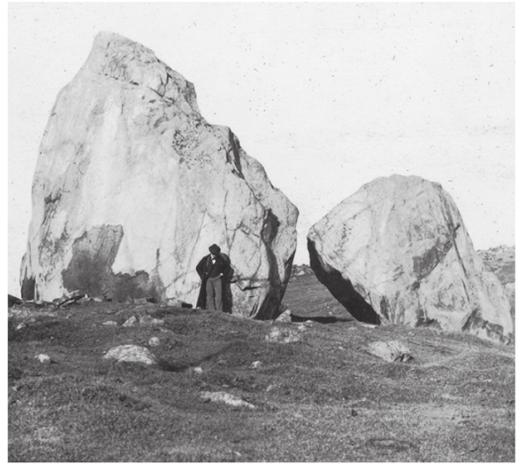
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SAHS, "The Geological History of Springfield"

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Art and Historical Society will host "The Geologic History of Springfield, Vermont," presented by Cheryl Cox on Saturday, May 21 at 2 p.m. at the Springfield Art and Historical Society, 65 Route 106, North Springfield, Vt. Cheryl has a Master's Degree in Geology and a lifelong love of geologic and natural histories.



"The Geologic History of Springfield, Vermont," presented by Cheryl Cox.

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Dr. William Smith comes to UU Church, Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – We experience regularly negative stories about racial prejudice, violence, and bias in our world. Racial animosity has plagued our country from the beginning, and it's certainly disturbing and of concern. At the same time, there is "the other tradition" of Race Amity or friendship among the races that has also always existed. We can turn to this inspiring tradition of Race Amity for insights, stories, and strategies for how to move forward from race animosity to Race Amity. And who better to learn from than Dr. William Smitty Smith, the founding Director of the National Center for Race Amity, www.raceamity.org/, in the Boston Area. Smitty is a talented filmmaker and you can find his Race Amity films through PBS stations. Smitty, a charismatic, dedicated, and inspiring leader, will be the featured speaker

on our virtual service on May 15 at 10 a.m. The Zoom link is www.us02web.zoom.us/j/6130779853.

This service is the finale in our eight-part series, "Medicine for Our Times: Living the Legacy of Howard Thurman." Howard Thurman was one of the most influential African Americans of the last century and a shining exemplar of Race Amity. He co-founded the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples in San Francisco, and was called by Rep. John Lewis, "A saint of the Civil Rights Movement." Thurman met Gandhi in India, brought ideas about non-violent resistance back to America, and had a profound impact on Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

In the worship service on Sunday, May 15, Smitty will lay the groundwork of our understanding about Race Amity and then our

four Howard Thurman experts will dive deeper into the connections between Howard Thurman and Race Amity. Our four other speakers are Rev. Dr. Kristal Owens and Minister Usher Moses, both of the Empowerment Center in Cheverly, Md., Robbin Ruffner, Religious Science Practitioner from the Atlanta area, and myself, Rev. Dr. Mellen Kennedy of the Springfield Meetinghouse. In addition, Thurman was a fan of the Negro Spirituals and our virtual choir has prepared some beautiful music for us. You're invited to join us and to stay for the virtual coffee hour.

For more information on Thurman, visit our website, www.uuspringfieldvt.org/howard-thurman-medicine-for-these-times.

Written by Rev. Dr. Mellen Kennedy, Springfield Meetinghouse.



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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

Ron Patch is a Chester native, Chester Historical Society president, and a lifelong antiques dealer.

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The Park

I think most readers know I'm a Chester native. There are those older than me, living amongst us, who can remember further back than I. To these folks, I bow.

Growing up in Chester, I learned by listening to Chester residents of long ago. For 50 years, I have bought and sold antique documents and photographs. As I bought antiques from local homes, I often found a box of old documents or Victorian photo albums stored, high and dry, in attics.

Last week, I received an email from Scott Wunderle. Scott owns Terrigenous Landscape Architecture.

There's been a rumor in Chester for several years now, that an individual, or group of individuals, want to move our monuments off the Green (hereafter referred to as the "Park," as I knew it growing up.)

One man, who shall remain anonymous for now, referred to the monuments as "clutter." Relocating the monuments behind Chester Historical Society has been suggested.

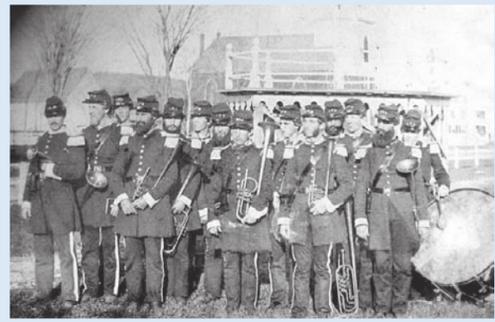
Here is Scott's email to me, Bill Dakin, Julie Hance, and Jeff Holden:

*Hi Bill, Ron, and Jeff,
 We have been asked to consider possibly redesigning the Chester Green. Nothing has started yet, we're simply working on a design proposal for the Town.*

One of the questions that has come up is the placement of the monuments. Do you have any idea if the legion and those who contributed to the monuments would support creating a separate contemplative space for them?

Some early possibilities include:

- 1. An area farther away from Route 11, so any Memorial Day speeches can be heard more easily.*
 - 2. A site near the Baptist church where the memorials could be grouped to create a unified place of remembrance.*
 - 3. A reconfiguration on the Green to better utilize the limited space that is available.*
- Again – I'm asking*



Chester militia, bandstand behind. A wooden fence can be seen on right. Circa 1858.

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*about a project that hasn't started yet, we're just trying to gauge and predict how a public design process may unfold. Thank you for any thoughts you may have,
 Scott*

I thought about this for a couple days before replying. I explained why it's a bad idea. Bill Dakin replied explaining the importance of the Park and its monuments to our downtown history and allure. Scott now understands the significance of both the Park and monuments and agrees the monuments should remain in place.

I'm glad we're having this discussion. There's a lot we could do with the Park. Chester Historical Society has a few photos of the Park taken well over 100 years ago.

Some of these old photos show a fence of some sort around the perimeter. Trees weren't planted down the center of the Park as they are today, but planted around the perimeter. This kept the center open, with the crowns of the trees offering shade for visitors.

It was in about 1967, when the Park had large elms and maples around its perimeter. Dutch Elm Disease was killing the elms and salt from the highway was killing the ancient maples. So the town cut down the old and dying trees and replaced them with the latest and greatest, Norway Maples. Today we know these trees are an invasive species.

My thoughts
 A fence around the pe-

rimeter of the Park should be installed. I suggest modestly sculptured iron posts with a chain connected from post to post. Let the chain droop down some between posts. Cast iron swag and tassel fence weights would be appropriate at openings. If the Park were to be used for something like the Crafts Fair, simply drop the chains for access.

Remove the Norway Maples. Then, plant maple trees or disease resistant elms around the perimeter as they historically were. Because salt will kill the young trees, a half-mile stretch of Main Street and Common Street near the Park, should not be salted in winter. The North Springfield end of Fairgrounds Road does this for a mile or so. It's not a hardship. Plow truck drivers would have to slow down as they plow past the young trees.

A more historically accurate gazebo might be erected. We have a photo of the old bandstand so we have something to go by. Another suggestion would be a cast iron water pump with a long pump handle to pump water. You know, the type you see in state parks. I can picture tourists with their kids pumping water and getting splashed. What fun! They would long remember Chester.

This week's old saying refers to a gossip: "A dog that'll bring a bone will carry a bone."

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opinion

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dear Editor,

You may have heard that the reapportionment has been completed and signed by the Governor. There has been a change to the towns in Windham-3 due to the significant population loss in Northeast Windham County. Athens, Grafton and Windham will now join Chester in the newly formed Windham-Windsor district. Windham-3 will comprise Brookline, Rockingham, and Westminster.

I plan to run in the 2022 election representing the "new" Windham-3, but I am regretting that I will

lose constituents in Athens, Grafton, and Windham. I have appreciated the relationships I have formed, the questions asked which lead to research and new knowledge, and the fun of learning about each community. Thank you for your support these last two years.

As the primary on Aug. 9 and general election on Nov. 8 approach, I look forward to meeting my new potential constituents in Westminster and reconnecting with those in Brookline and Rockingham!

It is important to re-

member that I will be representing "old" Windham-3 until Jan. 2, 2023, so as always, please be in contact with your thoughts, questions, and concerns through my website at www.LeslieGoldmanVT.com, email at lgoldman@leg.state.vt.us, or by phone at 802-869-2989.

Sincerely,
Rep. Leslie Goldman
Athens, Brookline, Grafton, Rockingham, Slice of Westminster, Windham

AmeriCorps awards grant to Senior Solutions

REGION – Senior Solutions, the Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, has received a Public Health AmeriCorps grant of more than \$114,000 to provide non-medical, in-home services to older adults, and adults with disabilities in Southeastern Vermont. The grant, renewable yearly for up to three years, is one of more than 80 grants to state and local organizations for the federal Public Health AmeriCorps program. The first-year grants, totaling more than \$60 million, will allow Public Health AmeriCorps programs to recruit nearly 3,000 members nationwide.

"This grant gives Senior Solutions additional resources to be able to work with more aging Vermonters in the 46 communities served by our agency," says Mark Bout-

well, Executive Director of Senior Solutions. "We need more volunteers with specialized training to provide a range of services including respite and support for families whose loved ones suffer from a range of debilitating diseases such as dementia, Parkinson's and mild cognitive impairments."

Over the next three years, Senior Solutions plans to recruit and train 20 volunteers who will be able to provide for the unmet needs of approximately 50 families caring for loved ones with serious health conditions. Our volunteer activities include companionship, meal preparation, assistance with eating, light housekeeping and laundry, errands, grocery shopping, and caregiver respite services.

The grant will also help support three Memory Café programs we are opening in the towns of Brattleboro, Springfield, and White River Junction. Memory Cafes

provide a safe place for dementia patients and others with disabilities to have social contact in a supportive environment. Trained AmeriCorps volunteers will oversee the cafe activities and discussions. The program allows caregivers to enjoy an outing with their loved one, knowing that they will be supported by AmeriCorps volunteers. Instructions on becoming a member of this Public Health AmeriCorps volunteer team will be available soon on www.seniorsolutionsvt.org.

ARPA funding

As one of Vermont's designated Area Agencies on Aging, we have also received ARPA funding and are dedicating a good portion of it to offer grants to organizations whose missions align with ours. Visit www.seniorsolutionsvt.org to learn how to apply. Grant applications need to be submitted to us by May 31, 2022.

Dear Editor,

Who we hang on our Statehouse walls reflects not just who our leaders have been, but also who we value and what we want our future to look like. There are three women, including former governor Madeline Kunin, among the 400 or so framed pieces displayed in the Vermont Statehouse in Montpelier. Until this week there were no people of color honored in our permanent collection.

On May 5, a new portrait was added of Alexander Twilight, the first African American legislator in the U.S. (and in VT). He was also a teacher and pastor. Now, when children and visitors come to the People's House, they will have a fuller picture of our history.

As a teacher and a grandmother, I have walked through the Statehouse with students and with my granddaughter and lamented that female students and students of color rarely (or never) saw themselves reflected on the walls among of state's past leaders.

My heart is full with this addition of the first person of color to hang on our Statehouse walls. I believe Twilight, as a fellow teacher of many decades, would be proud to be an inspiration for our current generation of young people who will come to the Statehouse, see him in the entryway, and perhaps imagine one day they could serve here too.

Thank you to state cura-

tor David Schultz, Senator Ruth Hardy, the Friends of the State House and so many others who have helped move us in this direction. My House committee is introducing a bill (before the legislature adjourns) which clarifies a Committee on the Statehouse who (among many responsibilities) will work with the Curator to continue movement in this important direction towards a fuller, more diverse representation of all who serve and have served Vermont.

The new portrait is a step towards a more complete representation of our history. It will help all Vermonters, especially our young student visitors, envision that a more diverse future leadership is possible.

I am grateful to be serving in the legislature in this time where we are working together towards a more diverse and inclusive future in our State.

Sincerely,
Rep. Michelle Bos-Lun
Westminster, Vt.

Skimmers and Shimmers

REGION – Growing up on a lakeshore meant plenty of time to try a great amateur sport: Stone skipping. The trick was to find a flat stone and angle it into the water so it will skim along the surface. Skimmers were great when they could travel out 100 feet or more. Today's "skimmers" (and shimmers) are not fun and result in significant losses by consumers.

A card skimmer is a device attached to a point-of-sale terminal that collects credit and debit card information. This tech-

nology is installed on ATMs, gas station pumps, and other places where consumers use payment cards. Card shimmers are paper-thin shims inserted in the existing card slots that intercept data between your card and the chip reader. Once the data is transmitted by either of these devices, the criminal is capable of making purchases using the card, withdrawing money from bank accounts, producing duplicate cards, or selling your information to others.

Because a skimmer is a fairly bulky piece of equipment, it requires installation time. This makes its use more likely when the payment device is in a location not regularly monitored or more distant from traffic volume. For example, placement is more likely at a gas pump furthest away from the store entrance.

Shimmers, by contrast, can be placed in practically any card reader, including at the check out counter of a store. Installation takes only a matter of seconds.

Skimmers, in general are easier to detect. Before inserting your card, check out the terminal and surroundings, particularly in low traffic areas. Look for scratches, parts with mismatched color, or even dried glue around components. Examine ATMs for anything that looks out of place: added external boxes that might contain a camera to capture pin entry, or loose components such as the card reader slot

(if anything on the device moves, don't use it). Also, examine the logos to see if they are blurry or distorted.

Detecting a shimmer is difficult. Generally, there are no physical signs of its presence. Nonetheless, check the insert slot before sliding your card. If the slot appears to have a visible layer in the slot enclosure, use an alternate payment method by asking the clerk to handle the payment, using cash, or where available, use contactless payment.

Some general tips: 1) Avoid using gas station pumps that are farthest from foot traffic; 2) Plan ahead for cash needs when traveling. ATM skimmers are frequently found near ski and resort areas where users are not familiar with the machines; 3) With ATMs, use those that are security monitored or are located in places requiring access cards; 4) Consider alternatives to using credit card. Cash is an option, but so are contactless payment systems such as Apple Pay or Google Pay.

Finally, whether you are a victim or not, if you see something, say something. Report the scam to the business involved so it can respond and report the scam to local law enforcement.

Elliott Greenblatt is a retired educator and coordinator of the AARP Vermont Fraud Watch Network. Questions or concerns? Contact egreenblatt@aarp.org.



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by Linda Thistle

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

Judith Copping

CHESTER, Vt. – A memorial service for Judith Copping, who passed away Jan. 7, 2022, will be held on May 31, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Chester, Vt.

Jon Fagans

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A graveside service for Jon Fagans, who passed away Dec. 24, 2021, will be held May 21, 2022 at 11 a.m. at the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt.

Diane Hart

CHESTER, Vt. – In Loving Memory – Diane Jo Emerson Hart, Oct. 21, 1955 – Jan. 20, 2022.

Please join us for a Graveside Service at the Pleasant View Cemetery, 37 Depot St. Ludlow, VT 05149, on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 1 p.m. A Celebration of Life will immediately follow at Black River High School Gymnasium, 43 Main St., Ludlow, VT 05149. To honor Diane's love of butterflies you may make a tribute gift through the website, www.xerces.org/donate, in her memory. Gift notifications will be emailed to her daughter, Julie at julieannhart@gmail.com.

Seymour Leven

CAVENDISH, Vt. – In honor of Seymour Leven, there will be a military salute at the Cavendish Village Cemetery on High St., followed by a gathering at the Cavendish Baptist Church. Please bring your stories and remembrances. Saturday, June 4, at 2 p.m.

Vito DeMarco

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A graveside service for Vito DeMarco, who passed away Dec. 25, 2021, will be held May 21, 2022 at 1 p.m. at the St. Mary's Cemetery in Springfield, Vt.

CHURCH SERVICES

ASCUTNEY, VT.

Open Bible Baptist Church, 168 Cemetery Rd.

Sunday services are being held in the church, with people sitting every other pew. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m., Sunday morning service is 11 a.m., and the afternoon service is 1:30 p.m. Wednesday evening service is at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the church at 802-674-2266 or visit www.obbcvt.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.

Please join us Sundays at 10 a.m. in person or via Zoom. Go to Facebook @ImmanuelEpiscopalChurch. For more information, go to www.immanuelepiscopal.org.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

North Charlestown United Methodist Church, 471 River Rd.

Worship is Sundays at 9 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. Please wear a mask, observe social distancing, and keep your hands clean. Go to www.facebook.com/UMCOofNorthCharlestown for more information.

Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, 99 Sullivan St., Claremont, N.H.

Worship is Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday and Saturday at 5 p.m. in person. Masks are optional. For more information, go to www.hroc.org.

CHESTER, VT.

Chester Baptist Church, 162 Main St.

Worship is Sundays at 10:30 a.m. For more information, including online streaming, go to www.chesterbaptist.org.

Andover Community Church, 928 Weston-Andover Rd.

Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and worship service 10:45 a.m. For more information, go to www.andovercommunitychurch.org.

GRAFTON, VT.

Grafton Community Church, 55 Main St.

Worship begins Sunday at 10 a.m. Masks are requested if unvaccinated and suggested for all singing and response. View sermons on Zoom. For more information, go to www.graftoncommunitychurch.org or call 802-843-2346.

LUDLOW, VT.

Annunciation Catholic Church, Corner of Depot and High St.

Mass services are Saturday at 4:30 p.m., Sundays at 8 a.m., and 10 a.m. Masks are recommended, but not required, for those who are fully vaccinated. Social distancing in every other pew will continue. For more information, go to www.okemovalleycatholicparishes.com or call 802-228-3451.

Ludlow Baptist Church, on the Green, 99 Main St.

Weekly worship services are in-person. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. for all ages, and Sunday worship is at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday's prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m. For more information, go to www.LudlowBaptist.org.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Church of Christ, Rt. 11, 972 Chester Rd.

Sunday Bible Study for all ages at 10 a.m.; Worship Service at 11 a.m. includes a group meeting for children. Live or past services can be viewed on Facebook at SpringfieldVTChurchofChrist. Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., adult class on different topics meets in the Fellowship Hall, accessed by parking in the back of the church. For more information, call Jamie Kurpiel, Evangelist, at 870-

Doreen B. Aldrich, 1947-2022

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Doreen B. Aldrich, 74, of Center Street, died Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at her home surrounded by her family. Doreen was born in Bellows Falls on July 29, 1947. She was the daughter of Harold and Theresa (Nadeau) Beam.

Doreen attended St. Charles Catholic School and was a 1965 graduate of Bellows Falls High School. Over the years Doreen held various jobs in the area, but she was best known as Town Clerk of Rockingham, Vt., starting as Assistant Clerk in 1988 and becoming Town Clerk in October of 1995. She retired June 30, 2015.

On April 28, 1979, she married James Aldrich at St. Charles Church, who survives her. Also surviving are her two daughters,

Kathryn and Jennifer of Bellows Falls, three brothers, Lucian and wife Kathie of Langdon, N.H., Norman and wife Elaine of Westminster, Vt., Michael and wife Tracy of Walpole, N.H., and one sister, Eileen Swain of N. Walpole, N.H. Doreen is predeceased by her parents.

Doreen was a member of the Bellows Falls Woman's Club, the Bellows Falls Rotary Club, and St. Charles Church. She was an avid volunteer, baker, and animal lover.

There will be calling hours at the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, Bellows Falls, Vt. on Friday, May 13 from 5 – 7 p.m. A funeral mass at St. Charles Church will be held Saturday, May 14 at 11 a.m. The burial will follow at St. Charles Cemetery.

OBITUARIES:

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CHURCH SERVICES:

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615-0452 or email jckurpiel@yahoo.com. If no answer, call 802-886-2670. Because state restrictions have been lifted, masks are not obligatory.

Precision Valley Baptist Church, 69 Rt. 106

In-person Sunday services start at 10 a.m. Please wear a mask and observe social distancing. Live streaming is also available. For more information, check out Facebook @PrecisionValleyBaptistChurch.

Springfield Assembly of God, 269 River St.

Sunday morning service is 10 a.m. Evening service is 6 p.m. All services and in-church activities have resumed. Masks are available and social distancing is encouraged. The sanctuary seating is arranged to promote distancing. Go to www.facebook.com/Springfield-Assembly-of-God-156583214402910 for links and more information.

St. Mary's Catholic Church, 10 Pleasant St.

Sunday mass is at 9 a.m., followed by coffee hour as well as weekday services. To watch the live streams, go to www.youtube.com and search Holy Family Parish Springfield Vermont. Streaming is available five minutes before the service starts. For more information, go to www.stmaryjoseph.com.

Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.

On May 15 at 10 a.m., the Unitarian Universalist Church in Springfield will present a talk from Dr. William Smitty Smith, founding Director of the National Center for Race Amity. The talk will discuss racial prejudice, violence, and bias, and how they can be averted by Race Amity or friendship. This will be the final service of the "Howard Thurman" series.

WALPOLE, N.H.

St. John's Episcopal Church, corner of Westminster and Elm St.

Sunday services are 10 a.m. in person or via Zoom. For more information, go to www.stjohnswalpole.org, email pastor@stjohnswalpole.org, or leave a message at 603-756-4533.

First Congregational Church of Walpole UCC, 15 Washington Sq.

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary – masks required – or via Zoom. For Zoom links, please call 603-756-4075. For more information, go to www.walpolenucc.org or www.facebook.com/FirstCongregationalWalpoleNH.

WESTMINSTER, VT.

The First Congregational Church of Westminster, 3470 US Rt. 5

Sunday services are online. For more information, call 802-772-4148, or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/First-Congregational-Church-of-Westminster-Inc-1506511432980057.

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Ruth F. Douglas, 1940-2022

CHESTER, Vt. – Ruth F. Douglas, "Ruthie," 81, passed away on Sunday, May 1, 2022 at the Jack Byrne Center in Lebanon, N.H. She was born Dec. 31, 1940 in Springfield, Vt., the daughter of Dwight E. and Vivian (Tatro) Foster. She attended Springfield Schools.

On Aug. 22, 1956 she married Donald W. Douglas, and he predeceased her in 1981.

Ruthie worked for many years in the hospitality industry, working for several years as Food Manager at Tater Hill. She worked in cafeteria services for the Chester Schools, and later as a freelance writer.

Her community was very important to her; she was an active volunteer for many years and very proud to give back to her community. She was instrumental with planning and organizing many events in the Chester community over the years, including the Red Rose Cotillion, winter carnivals, and summer camps for kids.

She was a member of the Chester Congregational Church and a Sunday School Teacher, a member of the American Legion Post 67 Auxiliary, a member of the Bartonville Grange, the Home-Dem Club, the Chester Historical Society, and the Chester Democratic Party.

She served on the Chester/Andover Elementary School Board, the Chester Recreational Board, and served as a Justice of the

Peace for 30 years. She was also a Girl Scout Leader for several years.

Ruthie was very resilient, very patriotic, very caring and supportive of her family and friends, and lived life to the fullest, enjoying vacationing with friends in the islands.

She is survived by two daughters, Donna Douglas of Claremont, N.H., and Jean Bolaski (Alexander) of Springfield, Vt.; one sister, Helen Mack of McKinney, Texas; five grandchildren, Dr. Lily Hughes of Fairbanks, Alaska, Ivy Barboza (Omar) of Manchester, N.H., Logan Gabert of Andover, Vt., Alexander Bolaski III (Kathryn) of Westminster, Vt., and Benjamin Bolaski (Sarah) of Springfield, Vt.; and three great-grandchildren, Willow, Hendrix, and Cassius.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, and by her siblings, Marilyn LaDrew, Lila Mansur, and Marie Angell.

Friends called at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield on Monday, May 9, 2022 from 6–8 p.m. A funeral service was held at on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 4 p.m. at the American Legion Post 67 in Chester; Reverend Thomas Charlton officiated. Burial will be at the convenience of the family in the Brookside Cemetery in Chester, Vt.

Memorial donations may be made to the Chester American Legion Post 67 Auxiliary 51 Legion Road Chester, VT 05143.

James Gomo, 1942-2021

CHESTER, Vt. – James (Jim) Carlyle Gomo died in Chester, Vt. on May 6, 2021. Jim was born on Dec. 20, 1942 in Burlington, Vt. Jim was predeceased by his mother, Elizabeth Loop Gomo, and his father, Carlyle Edward Gomo. He leaves behind his son, Gregory Gomo, and wife, Tara (Emellia, Tyson, Hannah, and Jameson) of Chester, Vt., and Aaron Gomo and wife Amy (Sonoma) of Plainfield, N.H., as well as his brother Daniel and sister Betsey.

Jim served as a Vermont State Fish and Game Warden for over 20 years. The job allowed Jim the

opportunity to combine work with his love of conservation, hunting, trapping, and fishing. Jim was an active Palma shooter, which took him to matches throughout the United States and abroad. He spent much of his free time enjoying the woods, usually scouting out where to find next year's deer, turkey, or spots to fish. Jim did small things with great love; like surprising his kids with planted daffodil bulbs or erecting bluebird boxes. One of his favorite things was spending time watching Emellia ride her horses, or by the pond fishing with Sonoma.

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MAY 12 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – Community Lunch at Black River Valley Senior Center on Thursday, May 12 at 11:45 a.m. Menu includes meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, and dessert. Located at 10 High Street in Ludlow. Call for reservations 802-228-7421.

MAY 14 –
GASSETTS, Vt. – Gassetts Grange is hosting breakfast their monthly Saturday breakfast on Saturday, May 14 from 8-9:30 a.m. There is a fee per person. Menu includes bacon, sausage, eggs, sausage gravy, plain and blueberry pancakes, home fries, toast, juices, coffee, and tea.

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Gardeners interested in learning about the invasive jumping worm pest are invited to attend a webinar on Saturday, May 14 from 9-10 a.m. via Zoom, hosted by the Southeast Chapter of the University of Vermont (UVM) Extension Master Gardener Program. The webinar called, "Jumping Worms. Why Worry? What Can You Do," will be presented by UVM's Dr. Josef Gorres. Registration is free, though donations accepted. To register, visit www.jumpingworm.eventbrite.com

NORTH SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Yard Sale at North Springfield Baptist Church

on Saturday, May 14 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Located at 69 Main Street, North Springfield. Rain or shine. We are handicap accessible.

MAY 15 –
GASSETTS, Vt. – Gassetts Grange and Green Mountain Express Band is hosting their Non Open Mic Jam on Sunday, May 15 from 1-4 p.m. Donation requested. Refreshments are on sale in the kitchen, consisting of french fries, hot dogs, and desserts. We have bottled water, soda, coffee, tea, and hot cocoa also on sale.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Come and join us on Sunday, May 15 at 2 p.m. for "Floods and

Natural Disasters" at the Charlestown Town Hall. Marge Reed will present this program. It is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

MAY 16 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – Please give blood at the American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, May 16 from noon - 5:30 p.m. at the Ludlow American Legion. No walk-ins at this time. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

MAY 20 – 21
LUDLOW, Vt. – Black River Good Neighbor Services is pleased to announce its annual Gigantic Spring Rummage Sale at Fletcher Farm, 611 Route 103 South

in Ludlow on Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. each day. Proceeds from this sale benefit BRGNS' food and financial assistance programs. For details email brgoodneighbors@gmail.com.

MAY 21 –
WALPOLE, N.H. – The First Congregational Church of Walpole will be having their Spring Rummage/Yard Sale on Saturday, May 21 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Housewares and multi-seasonal clothing will be for sale as well as homemade baked goods. Our signature Bag Sale will start at noon.

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Westminster Community Plant Sale and Bake sale is on Saturday, May 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Westminster West Library. Lots of plants including perennials, herbs, and shrubs.

ALSTEAD, N.H. – Charles Andros, former NH/VT Apiary Inspector, will hold a beekeeping workshop on Saturday, May 21 from 1-4 p.m. Topics of discussion: finding queens, requeening colonies, pollen collection, swarm control, supering, and bee venom therapy. Look for the "BEE" sign on the south side of Walpole Valley Road. 18 MacLean

Road, first on right, Alstead, N.H.) Bring a veil if you have one, as we shall be opening some colonies. Water and sunscreen are also a plus. Register at lindenamel@gmail.com or call 603-756-9056. This is the second of four workshops.

SUNDAYS –
CHESTER, Vt. – Chester American Legion Post 67 hosts Bingo every Sunday. Doors open at 12 p.m., and games start at 1 p.m.

MONDAYS –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Free Tobacco Quit class led by Sarah Doyle, Mondays, from 6-7 p.m., at Parks Place, 44 School Street Ext., Bellows Falls. Dinner included. Call or text Sarah at 802-289-0045 or email sdoyle@springfieldmed.org.

TUESDAYS –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Meals on Wheels serves a senior community lunch every Tuesday, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the meal site, which is located on the corner of Union and Southridge streets in Springfield. All-you-can-eat buffet includes milk, coffee or tea, and dessert. Suggested donation. For more information, call 802-885-5879.

WEDNESDAYS –
CHESTER, Vt. – Knitting with Friends at Six Loose Ladies on the Chester Common, Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. to noon.

THURSDAYS –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Meals on Wheels serves a senior community lunch every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the meal site, which is located on the corner of Union and Southridge streets in Springfield. All-you-can-eat buffet includes milk, coffee or tea, and dessert. Suggested donation. For more information, call 802-885-5879.

WALPOLE, N.H. – Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting, a 12-step recovery program for women who have a desire to stop drinking, is happening every Thursday at 6 p.m. at the St. John's Episcopal Church at the corner of Westminster and Elm streets in Walpole, N.H. For more information, call Viva at 802-732-8330.

SATURDAYS –
LUDLOW, Vt. – Zumba classes Saturdays at 8 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. All fitness levels welcome. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.



**CHESTER DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD
NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**

Barthley Thomas has applied for a Conditional Use Permit for the property located at 47 Balch Road in the Town of Chester. The proposed use is a private recreation facility for the Chester Vermont Volleyball League that may also be used for other sport and fitness uses and for events.

The Town of Chester Development Review Board will conduct a site visit at 5:15 PM on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 47 Balch Road and will hold a hearing on this application at 6:00 PM on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at the Chester Town Hall at 556 Elm Street in Chester. A copy of the application and additional information may be obtained from the Zoning Administrator. Participation in this hearing is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

A link to participate in this hearing via Zoom videoconference may be found on the Town of Chester website home page at www.chestervt.gov.

Dated at Chester, Vermont this 4th day of May 2022.

Preston Bristow
Zoning Administrator
(802) 875-2173
zoning@chestervt.gov

**TOWN OF LUDLOW, VERMONT
TRUCK DRIVER/LABORER**

The Town of Ludlow Highway Department invites applications for the position of Truck Driver/Laborer. This is a full-time, year-round position. Principal duties will include plowing snow from roads and sidewalks, sanding and salting roads, road construction and maintenance and other related duties. Most possess a valid Vermont Commercial Driver's License and have experience operating a dump truck with plow, dump body and sander, loader and backhoe. General knowledge of vehicle maintenance, fundamental construction and maintenance procedures, public works, equipment operation and mechanics required. Municipal Benefit Package including health/dental/life/and disability insurance. Send resume, call Ron Tarbell, visit our website www.ludlow.vt.us or come into the Municipal Office for an application form: Ludlow Highway Department, PO Box 359, Ludlow, VT 05149, (802) 228-2841. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The Town of Ludlow is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**TOWN & VILLAGE OF LUDLOW, VERMONT
PLANNING & ZONING CLERK**

The Town of Ludlow Planning & Zoning Department has an opening for the position of Clerk to the Planning and Zoning Department. This is a part-time, temporary position, working 20-24 hours per week under the general direction of the Zoning Administrator.

Principal duties include a variety of administrative, clerical and professional work including, but not limited to; answering the phones, dealing effectively with the public, accepting zoning permit applications, and confidentiality. Candidate will assist the Director to carry out planning and zoning functions and other related tasks. The successful candidate will have typing skills, some computer knowledge, and the ability to work well with others in an office environment.

Interested candidates should submit a Town employment application available at the Ludlow Town Office, 37 Depot Street, Ludlow, VT 05149 or online at www.ludlow.vt.us and send to tmanager@tds.net. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. The Town & Village of Ludlow is an equal opportunity employer.

**CHESTER SELECTBOARD
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO UNIFIED
DEVELOPMENT BYLAWS**

The Chester Selectboard will convene a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Town of Chester Unified Development Bylaws on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Chester Town Hall at 556 Elm Street in Chester, Vermont. The proposed development bylaws amendment has been approved by the Planning Commission and submitted to the Selectboard pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 4441(g).

The principal purpose of the proposed development bylaws amendment is to create a new Village Green (VG) District and to modify the definitions of certain uses. The new Village Green district will affect the area on the southwest side of Main Street between School and Cobleigh Streets. The definition changes will affect every geographical area of Chester. The section headings created or affected by the proposed development bylaws amendment are Section 2.3.1-Village Green (VG) District; Section 3.20-Off Street Parking; Section 3.26-Signs; Section 4.8-Conditional Uses; Section 5.6-Protection of Natural and Cultural Resources; and Section 8.2-Definitions.

The full text of the proposed amendment to the Town of Chester Unified Development Bylaws may be viewed at the Town Clerk's office and on the home page of the Town's website at www.chestervt.gov.

A link to participate in this hearing via Zoom videoconference may be found on the Town of Chester website home page at www.chestervt.gov under Zoom Meetings: Select Board Meeting.

Dated at Chester, Vermont this 5th day of May 2022.
Julie Hance, Town Manager, Town of Chester, Vermont

 **Town of Westminster**
P.O. BOX 147 WESTMINSTER, VT 05158
Tel. 802-722-4524 Fax 802-722-9816

**DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (DRB)
WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL
Westminster, Vermont**

Legal Notice

The Westminster Development Review Board will meet at 6:30 pm on **Monday, June 6, 2022** to consider the following:

Application # 22-19

Application #22-29 Anthony Perri & Elaine Ingraham (Owner & Applicant) – property located at 3338 US Route 5. The Applicant is requesting a Fence on the sides bordering the Reed property to the south and east. This Application will be reviewed under **Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 445 Village District Zone; and Article IX Historical Preservation Overlay District** of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

Participation in the proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to make any subsequent appeals.

The application is available for review in the Westminster Town Hall, 3651 US Route 5 Westminster, Vermont 05158, Monday – Friday from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT Windsor Unit PROBATE DIVISION Docket No.: 22-PR-01640

In re ESTATE of: HARRY S. WESTCOTT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Harry S. Westcott
Decedent

late of Proctorsville
Decedent's Town of Residence

I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. **The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period.**

Dated: 04/27/2022 4-27-22
Signature of Fiduciary: Annette J. Merrow / Steven D. Westcott
Annette J. Merrow / Steven D. Westcott

Executor/Administrator	Mailing Address
Annette J. Merrow / Steven D. Westcott	c/o Parker & Ankuda P.C., PO Box 519
Phone Number	City, State, Zip
802-885-2582	Springfield, VT 05156

Name of Publication: Vermont Journal - The Shopper - Windsor County

Publication Date: May 11, 2022

Name of Probate Court: Vermont Superior Court, Windsor Unit, Probate Division
Address of Probate Court: 12 The Greene
Woodstock, VT 05301

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT Windham Unit PROBATE DIVISION Docket No.: 22-PR-02335

In re ESTATE of: BEATRICE L. ALLEN

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Beatrice L. Allen
Decedent

late of Rockingham (Bellows Falls)
Decedent's Town of Residence

I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. **The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period.**

Dated: 04-27-2022
Signature of Fiduciary: Donald R. Allen
Donald R. Allen

Executor/Administrator	Mailing Address
Donald R. Allen	PO Box 772
Phone Number	City, State, Zip
802-885-9414	Springfield Vt. 05156

Name of Publication: Vermont Journal-The Shopper

Publication Date: May 11, 2022

Name of Probate Court: Vermont Superior Court, Windham County, Probate Division
Address of Probate Court: 30 Putney Road 2nd Floor
Brattleboro, Vt. 05301

LEGAL NOTICES

classifieds

BUYING/SELLING

BUYING-SELLING Coins, Paper Money, Vintage Sports-Postcards, Comics. See our displays at ANTIQUE CENTERS in Chester and Quechee. Open 7 Days. 802-379-2353. House calls available.

ESTATE SALE

DAWLEY ESTATE SALE May 12, 13, 14, 2022, 9 to 5 each day. Generations of antiques, wooden and metal barrels, tools, housewares, furniture, glassware, bed frames/headboards, and much more. 484 Dawley Road, Mount Holly, VT.

Estate Sale Sat and Sun, May 14 and 15, 10 - 4. Eihan Allen Maple Table with 8 chairs \$2,500. Pompanoosuc Cherry Bedroom, 2 dressers, queen bed, nightstand \$4,000. Leather couch, club chair ottoman \$650, Misc. kitchen, glassware, books, and more. 230 Missing Link Road, Springfield.

FIREWOOD

ANDOVER, Vt. - Firewood for sale. Beat fuel prices, cut to length, full cords. Please call 802-875-2076 (leave message).

SUBMIT YOUR CLASSIFIED ONLINE!
VermontJournal.com

GUNS WANTED

REGION - Guns wanted. Handguns, rifles, or shotguns. Top prices paid. Call Ray at 802-775-2859 or 802-236-7213.

HELP WANTED

ASCUTNEY, Vt. - Grace's General Contractor seeking lead carpenter, experience building garages, decks, and porches. Pay depending on experience. Call 802-674-5892.

ASCUTNEY, Vt. - Grace's General Contractor seeking experienced sheetrock/painter. Pay depending on experience. Call 802-674-5892.

CAVENDISH, Vt. - Need someone with a power washer to do a small deck and stairs. Then stain. Call 802-226-7697.

MASON/TENDERS WANTED. Pay based on experience. Contact Moore Masonry at 802-824-5710 or email mooremasonry802@gmail.com.

WINDHAM, Vt. - Looking for entry-level tile apprentice and/or qualified tile installer. Full time position. Starting pay \$18 and up depending on experience. Paid time off after a year. Call Steve at 802-275-8020 for more information.

LUDLOW, Vt. - Server and dishwasher wanted at Café at DeLight for Mon, Tue, Fri, approximately

7-3. Must be neat, energetic, and work well with others. Call 802-228-2150.

LUDLOW, Vt. - Food Service Supervisor, Full time, Salary, Skilled Nursing Facility, 46 beds, Benefits, 401k, MVP. Gill Odd Fellows Home, 8 Gill Terrace, Ludlow, oddmain@gofhvt.net. EOE.

GARDENER - Do you love to garden and spend your time outdoors? A Weston based Fine Gardening company is looking for a plant loving, hard working, fun loving individual. Full or part time positions available. Flexible hours. Drivers license a must. Send inquiries to nldesignsvt@gmail.com.

CHESTER, Vt. - Concrete Laborer. Full-time, seasonal. Must have

valid drivers license, be able to do heavy lifting up to 150 lbs, work 40-60 hours per week, and have dependable transportation to get to and from work. We offer competitive starting wages, overtime pay, performance bonuses, 401K and paid holidays. If interested, contact Charlie at 802-875-3702 or recordconcrete@yahoo.com.

LIQUIDATION SALE

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Physical Therapy Liquidation Sale May 12-14 from 9-3 pm, Sat 9-noon. PT equipment and supplies, office equipment and supplies, framed artwork, appliances, furniture, linens, décor, etc. All must go. 43 School St., North Springfield.

The Town of Charlestown seeks an energetic Administrative Assistant to the Selectboard

The Town of Charlestown has an annual operating budget of approximately \$5 million and 27 full-time employees. The Administrative Assistant acts as the primary liaison between the five member Selectboard and all personnel, including contracted services. The Administrative Assistant is the primary liaison with legal counsel and coordinates in all matters to ensure the Town is properly represented, maintains an effective working relationship with all Town boards, commissions, committees, departments and the general public; and performs all other duties as assigned by the Selectboard. For a full job description please contact the Selectboard's Office at 603-826-4400 or visit the Town's website at www.charlestown-nh.gov.

Candidates should have a thorough knowledge of local government in New Hampshire and the ability to plan, organize, assign, supervise, inspect and coordinate a broad range of municipal functions. Municipal management experience is highly desirable.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume & completed application to:

Charlestown Town Office
Human Resources Department
PO Box 385
Charlestown NH 03603

An application may be found at www.charlestown-nh.gov or at the Town Office 233 Main St.

Position open until filled

YARD SALE

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - Tool/Garden Equipment/General Merchandise, plus Free Table. Saturday, May 14, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Moores Inn, 57 Main St.

Vintage Vermont re-opens Memorial Day Weekend. Fri Sat & Sun, 9 am to 4 pm. F350 1974 truck, wood chipper, Craftsman saw with 40" table, treadle sewing machines, packing supplies, push mower, books, crystal, dishes, knickknacks, and tons more! Town Farm Rd. Chester, Vt.

FINANCE ASSISTANT

The Town of Charlestown NH Selectboard Office is seeking a part-time (20-32 hours/week) Finance Clerk. Job responsibilities include, but are not limited to; processing accounts payable weekly, log general ledger entries, revenue accruals, and corrections, etc. Assist with preparation of quarterly budget reviews and various quarterly fund financial statements. Assist with answering incoming phone calls, walk in customers. Applicants must be detailed oriented and should be comfortable using both Microsoft Word and Excel. Previous experience with Business Management Systems, Inc (BMSI) is a plus, but we are willing to train the right person. Interested persons may obtain an application in the Selectboard Office at 233 Main Street, Charlestown, NH, by calling 603-826-4400, or on the Town's website www.charlestown-nh.gov. Please return applications/resumes to Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov. The Town of Charlestown is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

The Town of Charlestown NH is in need of a Recording Secretary for the Selectboard

The Board meets every Wednesday in the evening with an occasional extra meeting.

This is a part-time position to attend and take minutes of all Selectboard meetings, as well as workshops and produces and delivers meeting minutes within legal time frames. Knowledge of how to take and prepare minutes and the ability to attend weekly meetings each week required. Accuracy is very important. Minutes must be completed within 5 days of the meeting.

Applicants must possess a High School Diploma or GED and strong typing/keyboarding and note taking or shorthand skills. Experience with municipal record keeping preferred, but not required. Job Type: Part-time Hours per week: Less than 10

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume & completed application to: Charlestown Town Office Human Resources Department PO Box 385 Charlestown NH 03603

An application may be found at www.charlestown-nh.gov or at the Town Office 233 Main St., Charlestown NH, 03603

Weekly SUDOKU

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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yellow page BUSINESS DIRECTORY

\$150 for 13 Weeks • \$250 for 26 Weeks • \$400 for 52 Weeks
Prices are based on a 20 word listing. An additional 50 cents for each word thereafter.

Art Crafts Gifts

GALLERY AT THE VAULT
Vermont State Craft Center
68 Main St., Springfield
Open Wed. & Sat. 11-5, Fri. 11-7
www.galleryvault.org
802-885-7111

Traditions of Lakota and Abenaki Peoples Photography by Kathryn Adams, 5/14 1:00 Artist talk and stories.

Traditional Chinese Calligraphy June 25, 11-2. \$35.

Animation Art Camp July 11-15, 9-12. Ages 7-10. \$75.

Artful Flea returns on Open Studio Weekend, May 28 & 29. (07/27/22 - TFN - 13)

SAGE JEWELRY AND GIFTS
78 The Common, On the Green
Chester, VT 802-875-7243
www.sagejewelryvt.com

Handcrafted jewelry made on site, full jewelry repair service. Locally crafted gifts, cards, and much more!
(06/01/22 - 13)

Builders/Contractors

1 Ton dump and mini excavator for hire. Driveway repair, regrading, and resurfacing in Plymouth, Ludlow, and Mount Holly. Call 802-558-2920 or email handymanvt@gmail.com.
(05/25/22 - 13)

APEX VENTURES, LLC

House Painting. Booking exterior painting for the Spring and Summer in the Ludlow area. Houses, decks, porches, garages and/or barns. Email: adam@apexventures.one for free quotes.
(05/11/22 - 13)

HAMMER FOR HIRE LLC

802-376-3275 ~ "Not just for bangin' nails."
We offer a variety of services, ranging from handyman projects, through small restorations to full blown renovations. Our clients expect a great experience from start to finish. Our professionalism matched with proficiency, customer care, and quality hit that mark. We are fully insured and ready for your next project, big or small.
Like us on FACEBOOK: Hammer for Hire LLC @nedmortensen2008
(06/14/22 - 52)

ROSE'S HOME IMPROVEMENT

Booking for spring 2022 projects. Also offer carpentry, interior & exterior painting, window & door replacements, storm door replacements, window cleaning, vinyl siding washing, pressure washing, drywall repairs, and odd jobs. 802-591-0019. Cavendish, Vt.
(06/29/22 - 26)

Builders/Contractors cont.

PETER JORDAN CONSTRUCTION
Over 25 years of experience in all phases of construction. Framing, finish carpentry, custom showers and tile work, hardwood flooring, decks, roofing and siding. Fully insured and registered with the State of Vermont. Lead Paint Certified. Located in Proctorsville. 802-558-5267.
(06/15/22 - 13)

Campground

CATON PLACE CAMPGROUND
2419 EAST ROAD, CAVENDISH VERMONT
SEASONAL SITES AVAILABLE FOR 2022! REASONABLE RATES!
802-226-7767
Catonplacecamp@aol.com

Full hook up sites, pull thru, and tent sites. Views of Okemo! Large Private Sites!
(07/27/22 - 13)

Chiropractor

FOUR SEASONS CHIROPRACTIC, PC
Dr. Denise Natale 58 Parker Avenue, Proctorsville, VT 05153, 802-226-7977 Hours: Tuesday 1pm-6pm, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10am-6pm.
(08/16/22 - TFN - 52)

Cleaning

RAINBOW CLEANING SERVICE
Houses, offices, apartments, and auto. We clean everything! References on request, fully insured, free estimates. Contact Verina Field at 802-289-9188 or stonart49@gmail.com.
(05/04/22 - 13)

Cleanouts

A BARE CLEANING
Basements, attics, houses, barns. Household items and junk removed. Free estimates, insured. Call Reg at 802-376-4159.
(09/21/22 - 26)

Excavating

BOB N SON DIRT WORKS
Excavation/backhoe work, driveways graded/shurpak, ditches, and more with the homeowner in mind. Free estimates. Insured. Call or text Bob 802-345-3112.
(07/27/22 - 13)

Masonry

DRC STONE DESIGN
Specializing in all Stone Masonry Applications including veneer, walls, patios, walkways. Fully insured. Free estimates. 32 years experience. Contact Dan Field at 802-384-0122 or stonart49@gmail.com or visit drcstonedesign.com.
(06/01/22 - 13)

MOORE MASONRY

Fireplaces, chimneys and liners, chimney sweeps, patios, walls, steps, restoration and repairs. Fully insured, free estimates. Contact Gary Moore at 802-824-5710 mooremasonry802@gmail.com.
(09/20/22 - 52)

Okemo Valley TV

Watch on TV: Community Channel: Comcast 1076 / VTel 166 Education / Gov't Channel: Comcast 1086 / VTel 167
(TV Schedules available at okemovalley.tv/schedules & on cable TV program guide)

Watch Online: okemovalley.tv & youtube.com/okemovalleytv

"Gavel-to-Gavel" coverage of local meetings (playing daily on Ed. / Gov. channel)
(Meeting Playback Guide available at bottom of okemovalley.tv/schedule)
(05/11/22 - TFN - 13)

Pawn

BRISTOL PAWN SHOP
Currently buying vintage US currency and coins, also WWII and WWII memorabilia, etc. Also gold, silver, and platinum. Give us a call with any questions on what you want to sell. Call 24 hours per day, 7 days per week 857-233-1887 or 603-217-0033.
(07/27/22 - 13)

Perennials

HALE HOLLOW PERENNIALS
\$4 perennials. 189 Richmond Hill Road, Bridgewater Corners. Open May 1-Aug. 31. Daily from 9-5. Closed Mondays. 100 Varieties wintered over. Call 802-770-9445.
(08/10/22 - 15)

Property Management

GREAT BROOK LLC
Property Maintenance & Small Engine Repair. Call Chris at 802-886-2700 or 802-376-3150.
(05/25/22 - 13)

Scrap Metal Wanted

Call Chef for free removal of scrap metal. Also buying scrap cars. Call 802-875-3788.
(06/15/22 - 13)

outdoor

LEGAL NOTICES

Chester Fishing Derby

CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester Rod & Gun Club will sponsor the annual Children's Fishing Derby on Saturday, May 14 from 9–11 a.m. at the Chester reservoir. Children up to the age of 12 may participate in the event and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The Children's Fishing program is hosted each year with the cooperation and assistance

of the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife. The reservoir will be stocked with trout shortly before the event. Prizes will be awarded to the lucky anglers that catch the first fish, the longest fish, and first to catch their limit of five fish. For additional information, contact George Wilson at 802-228-3695.

Ludlow Fishing Derby

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Black River Rod & Gun Fishing Derby will take place on Saturday, May 14, from 9–11 a.m. This is a kid's fishing derby and all are welcome. The derby is

open to all children between the ages of 1–16. There will be prizes and refreshments available. Come join us at Cooks Pond in Ludlow to participate.

Spring bird walk in Bellows Falls

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Join local birders Jean Cannon and Peter Bergstrom for a bird walk on Saturday, May 14 at 8 a.m. at the parking lot just below the Adams Grist Mill at 26 Mill St., Bellows Falls. Mill Street looks like an alley off the south end of The Square, to the left of Flat Iron Coop. If it is raining that morning, we'll hold it a day later on Sunday, May 15 also starting at 8 a.m.

Bergstrom has recorded 87 bird species at the park in 184 eBird checklists since 2015, and 119 bird species have been seen at the park by all birders over the years.

Participants will watch and listen for colorful and tuneful spring birds that are common there in May, such as Baltimore oriole, warbling vireo, house wren, catbird, veery, wood thrush, chipping sparrow, rose-breasted grosbeak, yellow warbler, and American

redstart. Cannon and Bergstrom will demonstrate how to use the "Merlin" smart-phone app to help identify birds, either by their size, colors, and habitat, or their songs and calls, as recorded by the app. Participants should download and install this app before the workshop and bring binoculars if possible. Bergstrom will share a list he compiled of mnemonics (memory aids) for the songs and calls of some local birds, such as

"Ee-o-lay" (wood thrush) and "cheer-up; cheer-a-lee; cheer-ee-o" (rose-breasted grosbeak), and share other tips for "birding by ear."

Preregistration is not required, but if participants contact Bergstrom before the walk at 802-444-1860 or rockinghamvtenergy@gmail.com, he will email the list of the mnemonics to study before the walk, answer questions, and send an update if the rain date is necessary.

Birding on the Farm workshop

WALPOLE, N.H. – This spring, the Cheshire County Conservation District in partnership with the Antioch Bird Club, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Windham County Natural Resources Conservation District, and Southeastern Vermont Audubon Society will launch a multi-part

workshop series running through 2023.

Participants will learn about farm habitat dynamics for birds, habitat management, wildlife conservation on the farm, as well as species identification from experienced bird guides. This workshop series is open to birders and enthusiasts of all skill levels. Participants may bring bin-

oculars with them. Weather appropriate dress and boots for walking are recommended.

Workshop dates and locations:

- May 16 at 8 a.m.: Alyson's Orchard, Walpole, N.H.
- June 18 at 7:30 a.m.: Upper Meadows, Rockingham, Vt.
- October 1 at 9 a.m.: Picadilly Farm, Winchester,

N.H.

More details for 2023 dates will be made available at a later date.

Registration is required. Visit www.birdingonfarm.eventbrite.com.

For more information or assistance in online registration, please contact CCCD at 603-756-2988 x3011 or beneec@cheshire-conservation.org.

Invitation to Bid

2023 4X4 Wheel Loader

The Town of Springfield Vermont is accepting sealed bids for the above referenced equipment.

Contact: All communications concerning this invitation to bid are to be addressed to Donald Turner, Chief Mechanic at dpwmechanic2020@gmail.com or 802-245-4559. All bids should be in a sealed envelope clearly marked "4X4 Wheel Loader Quote".

Bid Submission: Bids can be mailed or hand delivered to:

Town Manager
"4X4 Wheel Loader Quote"
96 Main Street
Springfield, VT 05156

Bid Deadline: Thursday May 17, 2022 at 2:00 PM

Bid Opening: Immediately following deadline

The Town of Springfield, Vermont reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to accept the bid deemed in the best interest to the Town of Springfield. The Town of Springfield also reserves the right to make any modifications in any bid if it is deemed in the best interest of the Town of Springfield as well as the right to waive any formality.

Invitation to Bid

2023 39,000G V.W. CAB AND CHASSIS 4X2

The Town of Springfield Vermont is accepting sealed bids for the above referenced equipment.

Contact: All communications concerning this invitation to bid are to be addressed to Donald Turner, Chief Mechanic at dpwmechanic2020@gmail.com or 802-245-4559. All bids should be in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Cab & Chassis Bid".

Bid Submission: Bids can be mailed or hand delivered to:

Town Manager
"Cab & Chassis Bid"
96 Main Street
Springfield, VT 05156

Bid Deadline: Thursday May 17, 2022 at 10:00 AM

Bid Opening: Immediately following deadline

The Town of Springfield, Vermont reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to accept the bid deemed in the best interest to the Town of Springfield. The Town of Springfield also reserves the right to make any modifications in any bid if it is deemed in the best interest of the Town of Springfield as well as the right to waive any formality.

**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
TAXPAYER NOTICE
SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT**

The fourth and final installment of the 2021-2022 Town & Town School District Taxes is due and payable May 15, 2022.

Payments can be made as follows:

- In person or through the mail.
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Vermont's Homeowner Assistance Program website is <https://vermonthap.vhfa.org>

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Barbara A. Courchesne, Treasurer

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"Old Trees, Mature Forests" in Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join Cheryl Joy Lipton at the Springfield Town Library on Tuesday, May 17 at 6 p.m. for her presentation of "Old Trees, Mature Forests."

Cheryl Joy will discuss the value of old trees and

mature forests, and the things you can do on your own property, whether it is a small yard or many acres, to replicate some of the valuable attributes of natural ecosystems. Hold your spring yard work and cleanup until after this pre-

sentation. You'll learn how important it is to wait.

Cheryl Joy Lipton, from Chester, Vt., is an Ecologist and Landscape Designer, with her B.L.A. from SUNY, ESE, and M.S. from Penn State. Her work includes Ecological Management Plans, Landscape Design, and Ecosystem Restoration in Vermont, Pennsylvania, and Central New York. She has worked in the public and private

sectors and is a specialist in native plants and invasive non-natives, a former Planning Commission member, and is a founding leader of Mountain Valley Climate Action 350VT, Victory Gardening in the 21st Century, and the non-profit Chester Community Greenhouse and Gardens.

This program is free and open to the public. Call the library at 802-885-3108 if you have any questions.

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**TOWN OF WESTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Weston Development Review Board will meet at 5:00 PM on Wednesday June 1, 2022 at the Weston Town Offices at 12 Lawrence Hill Road to hold a public hearing on an application for a preliminary plat review from Little Pond Partners LLC for a major subdivision of land they own in Weston and Andover. If time permits, the Board may hear the applicant's application for final plat review. Major Subdivisions are reviewed under the Weston Major Subdivision Regulations.

Attendance is subject to then current COVID guidelines at the Town office. There is an option of remote attendance.

Those interested in seeing the applications, submitting written comments, or attending the hearings remotely should contact the town's Zoning Administrator at: Town of Weston P.O. Box 98, Weston Vt. 05161, or by calling (802) 824-4669, or emailing to Zoning@westonvt.org.

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §§ 4464(a)(1)(C) and 4471(a), participation in this local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.


Town of Mount Holly
NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Agreeably to the provisions of Title 32, Section 4111 Vermont Statutes Annotated, notice is hereby given that the undersigned Listers within and for the Town of **MOUNT HOLLY** have this day completed the abstract of individual lists of persons, co-partnerships, associations, and corporations owning taxable property in said Town on the first day of April 2022 and that they have this day lodged the same in the office of the clerk of said town for the inspection of taxpayers; that on the **20th of May 2022 between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm**; the undersigned Listers will meet at the **Mount Holly Town Office** in the Listers Office in said Town, to hear grievances of persons, co-partnerships, associations or corporations aggrieved by any of their appraisals or by any of their acts such as Listers who objections thereto in writing shall have been filed with them as prescribed by statute, and to make such corrections in said abstract as shall upon hearing or otherwise be determined by them; and that unless cause to the contrary be shown, the contents of said abstract will, for the year 2022 become the Grand List of said Town and of each person, co-partnership, association or corporation therein named.

Grievance meetings will be held by appointment, either in person or by phone. Please contact the Mt Holly Town Office @ (802)259-2391 to schedule an appointment.

GRIEVANCES MUST BE IN WRITING AND INCLUDE SPECIFIC REASONS FOR THE GRIEVANCE. WRITTEN GRIEVANCES, IF MAILED, MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE TOWN OFFICE BY 4:00 PM ON MAY 19, 2022. OR BROUGHT WITH YOU ON DAY OF YOUR APPOINTMENT.

Given under our hands at Mount Holly in the County of Rutland this 5th day of May 2022.

Listers of the Town of Mount Holly,

Carol Garrow-Woolley
David Johnson
Mary Surething

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Custodial Position

Chester-Andover Elementary School has a full time-year round custodial position open. This position is Monday-Friday 1pm-9pm. Duties include custodial tasks as assigned—cleaning and maintaining facilities. A background check is required. Two Rivers Supervisory Union is an Equal Opportunity Employer. To apply please send your resume to keith.cyr@trsu.org

Part Time School Bus Driver

Green Mountain Unified School District has a position open for a Part Time Bus Driver starting immediately. Driving will be approximately 4 - 6 hours a day split between the morning and afternoon. This is a School Year Position. Requirements: CDL Class B with school bus and passenger endorsement, as well as current DOT Medical Card. Background Checks and a pre-employment drug test are required as well as being in a pool for random drug testing.

Job Type: Part-time Pay: \$22.87 per hour

Send Resumes to: Michael Ripley at Michael.Ripley@trsu.org.

**Town of Cavendish, Vermont
NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS**

Agreeably to the provisions of Title 32 Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 4111, notice is hereby given that the undersigned parties, within and for the Town of Cavendish have this day completed the Abstract of Individual Lists of persons, co-partnerships, associations, and corporations owning taxable property in said town on the **first day of April 2022**; that they have this day lodged the same in the office of the Clerk of said town for the inspection of taxpayers; that on the **25th day of May, 2022** starting at 9:30 a.m, the undersigned Assessor will meet at **37 High Street, Cavendish, Vermont** to hear grievances of persons, co-partnerships, associations or corporations aggrieved by any of their appraisals or by any of their acts as such Assessors, whose objections thereto in writing shall have been filed with them as prescribed by statute, and to make such corrections in said abstract as shall upon hearing or otherwise be determined by them; and that unless cause to the contrary be shown, the contents of said abstract will, for the year 2022, become the Grand List of said town and each person, co-partnership, association or corporation therein named.

If you wish to grieve you **MUST** submit a grievance in writing by **4:00 on Tuesday, May 24th, 2022**. Applications for Grievance can be emailed to Cavendish2022@nemrc.com or mailed to PO Box 126, Cavendish, VT 05142. Grievance Applications are available at our website: www.cavendishvt.com or they can be mailed by request.

Please call 802-321-8025 for a grievance appointment.

Given under our hands at Cavendish in the County of Windsor this 11th day of May, 2022

Town of Cavendish
Al Coonradt, Assessor
Diane McNamara, Town Clerk

sports

BFCC celebrates centennial

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Bellows Falls Country Club is celebrating its centennial anniversary in 2022 with a series of golf and social events. The first round of golf played 100 years ago was on Memorial Day 1922. To commemorate this day and the weekend, first on the “tee” of events will be an open house party celebration on May 28 from 12–4 p.m., followed by a golf tournament on May 29. The tournament, an 18-hole scramble, will be a mix of a “little old and a little new” where players will need to use a hickory club for a designated stroke on each hole with contemporary clubs used for the remaining strokes.

Bellows Falls Country Club is a 9-hole, member-owned club, which is open to the public. For 100 years, BFCC has continued to be a social and recreational destination for the community.

In April of 1922, a group of 20 or more local golf enthusiasts accepted the proposition of S.C. Morehouse, owner of Barber Park, a 19th century amusement park in Saxtons River, Vt., for the use of the meadowlands of the park property for a six-hole course which would offer 2,000 yards of “interesting” play. Opening day was May 30, 1922, with the first ball being teed off by then Club President, Dana J. Pierce.

Membership cost \$10, and at the time of the opening, there were 134 members.

At the November 1922 Annual Meeting, the Board of Governors made the decision to look for a property that would better serve the club. In May of 1923, the club purchased the Frank Lane Farm in Rockingham, the club’s current location. The purchase price was \$3,700 and consisted of 95 acres with 50 acres of meadow and pastures, a brook, three natural spring holes, and the Williams River. This natural landscape offered an ideal setting.

The club likes to boast of the distinction of having an Open Champion who laid out the course in May of 1923. That player was David “Deacon” Brown, who won the 1886 Open Championship and finished second in the 1903 U.S. Open. In total, he had twelve top-ten finishes in major championship tournaments. In addition to designing courses in England, Scotland, and New England, Mr. Brown also gave lessons in Scotland and England with his most famous student being Queen Victoria. The club meeting minutes of May 7, 1923 state that Mr. Brown was paid \$300 for his services of laying out the 9-hole course. An article in the Bellows Falls Times, dated May 17, 1923, details Mr. Brown’s

trip from Boston and the laying out of the course.

Holes have been made longer, starting and finishing holes have changed, and many improvements have been made over the last 100 years; yet the layout by Mr. Brown remains relatively unchanged from his 1923 design. Anthony Pioppi, golf historian and author of “The Finest Nines” describes the course as, “...a must play jewel in southern Vermont and for fans of golf architecture;” “...a world class second green;” “...enjoyable and challenging layouts;” and “...there is not a clunker [hole] among them.” It is BFCC’s vision for our next 100 years to remain true to our old school course architecture, to continuously make improvements on the course, in the clubhouse, and member/guests services with the goal of providing an exceptional golfing and social experience.

BFCC is open seasonally from mid-April to the end of October. For additional information about the club and upcoming events, visit www.bellowsfallscountryclub.com and like us on Facebook. Inquiries may be made at bfcctherock@gmail.com and by calling 802-463-9809.

Phantoms win with long ball

CHESTER, Vt. – The Proctor softball team’s bus parked at Chester’s Jiffy Mart was a welcomed sight to Green Mountain fans. It meant that the Fence Busters were finally leaving town.

Proctor’s Jasmine Traverse, Laci French, and Cadence Goodwin hit home runs over the fence in the Phantoms’ 18-10 victory over Green Mountain.

The homers by Traverse and French came at pivotal times in the game. The Chieftains were ahead 6-3 when French’s three-run blast tied it in the third. Traverse’s home run in the second with her sister Angel Traverse on base gave the Phantoms a 3-0 lead.

The Chieftains took that 6-3 lead with a six-run second inning. They did all that damage on just one hit as Proctor starting pitcher Cadence Goodwin walked four and hit two batters in the frame.

After the left-handed hitting French’s round triper to right, the Chiefs recaptured the lead with two in the

fourth.

The Phantoms scored four in the top of the fifth to take a 10-8 lead, the big blow being a two-run double by Rhi Lubaszewski.

Lubaszewski drilled a shot into the right-center gap that gave the Phantoms the lead they would never surrender.

Kim Cummings doubled to lead off the bottom of the fifth for the Chieftains and came around to score on an error, paring the lead to 10-9.

The Phantoms, though, finished strong with two runs in the sixth before erupting for six in the seventh.

The win hikes the Phantoms’ record to 5-0 with two of the victories at the expense of Green Mountain.

“We feed off each other,” French said of the Phantoms lineup, which amassed 18 base hits including the three homers and three doubles.

Jenna Davine had a big day with three hits and two RBIs, but her biggest contribution came in the circle.

When the hard-throwing Goodwin began having trouble throwing strikes with the wet ball and load-

ed the bases by surrendering a walk, base hit, and hit batsman, Bennett brought Davine to the circle.

Davine throws a tantalizingly slow ball that might be described as a lob. It seemed to throw the Green Mountain batters off after Goodwin’s much harder serves.

“That was a smart move by her,” Green Mountain coach Matt Wilson said. “I have three batters who lunge at fast pitches and they really lunged at the slow ones. Unfortunately, they are my three best pitchers so what the move did was take away my three best hitters.”

Green Mountain pitcher Brie Howe-Lynch deserved a better fate, but her defense gave the hard-hitting Phantoms too many extra outs.

But one piece of the Chiefs’ defense that was outstanding was Cummings at first base. The three-sport standout has one of the biggest and most proficient stretches at first base, and it made the difference in at least two close calls that went Green Mountain’s way.

Written by Tom Haley, The Rutland Herald.

Saturday, May 14 – Boys Baseball

Bellows Falls at Springfield, 11 a.m.

Mt. St. Joseph at Green Mountain, 11 a.m.

Girls Softball

Green Mountain at Bellows Falls, 12 p.m.

Monday, May 16 – Boys Baseball

Leland and Gray at Mt. St. Joseph, 4:30 p.m.

Girls Softball

Monadnock at Fall Mountain, 4 p.m.

Leland and Gray at Proctor, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 17 – Boys Baseball

Springfield at Rivendell, 4:30 p.m.

Woodstock at Bellows Falls, 4:30 p.m.

Green Mountain at Mill River, 4:30 p.m.

Girls Softball

Woodstock Union at Bellows Falls, 4:30 p.m.

Poultney at Green Mountain, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 18 – Girls Softball

Conant at Fall Mountain, 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 19 – Boys Baseball

Springfield at Woodstock, 4:30 p.m.

Green Mountain at Leland and Gray, 4:30 p.m.

Girls Softball

Green Mountain at Leland and Gray, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 20 – Girls Softball

Bellows Falls at Poultney, 7 p.m.

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DaVallia Gallery presents "Ethereal"

CHESTER, Vt. – DaVallia invites you to a preview exhibition, "Ethereal." This exhibit will feature a new collection of contemporary mixed media paintings to introduce DaVallia's newest artist, Kate Morgan. DaVallia's "preview" show will be a great introduction to Morgan's work while she works on a more expansive collection, her premiere exhibition, scheduled for later this year. The preview exhibition will be May 5 – May 22.



"Infusion," Kate Morgan. PHOTO PROVIDED

DaVallia Gallery is pleased to feature artist

Kate Morgan. Kate Morgan is a contemporary female figurative artist working

in mixed media. Morgan's paintings incorporate original drawings, collage elements, and an array of other mediums. Her intricately layered artwork depicts figural explorations, portraits, and animals in expressionist color palettes, and surreal style. Morgan derives inspiration from iconography, folklore, and fashion.

In addition to museum exhibitions, her works are in numerous domestic and International collections.

Established in 2009, DaVallia has been a five-star destination for the arts. Located on Route 103 in the historic Stone Village of Chester, their gallery and sculpture gardens provide an inspiring atmosphere to experience a diverse array of art. To preview the show, purchase works, or to learn more about our art collection, visit us online at www.ArtfulVT.com. To schedule an appointment for a private viewing, call Michael Alon at 802-875-8900.

Canal Street Art Gallery, "The Spring Salon"

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Canal Street Art Gallery presents, "The Spring Salon," a new exhibition, which is being hung in the floor-to-ceiling Salon style. The exhibit showcases over one hundred and fifty artworks from the gallery's twenty-six represented artists. It will open May 12 and is on view to the public through June 11. Join us on 3rd Friday Gallery Night in Historic Downtown Bellows Falls on May 20 from 5-7 p.m. to celebrate and meet the artists.

"The Spring Salon" is the first exhibition to be

installed at Canal Street Art Gallery in this manner, hung floor-to-ceiling. The original Salon in Paris was a product of the Enlightenment in the early 18th century. The Canal Street Art Gallery "Salon" is a rare chance for the public to view the gallery's large collection of art from its talented local artists all at one time. The show features artworks from artists: Clare Adams, Whitney Barrett, Robert Burch, Spaulding Dunbar, Mindy Fisher, Nancy Fitz-Rapalje, Kathie Gatto-Gurney, Kim Grall, Corinne Greenhalgh, Judy Hawkins, Medora Hebert, Carol Keiser, Nicholas Ke-

ic, Marcie Maynard, Jeanne McMahan, Lisa Eckhardt McNealus, Caroline Ryan Morgan, Martha Nichols, Charles Norris-Brown, MC Noyes, Phyllis Rosser, Melissa Rubin, Matthew Saxton, Gretchen Seifert, Maurine Sutter, and John van de Does.

Canal Street Art Gallery is located at 23 Canal Street in the Historic Downtown Village of Bellows Falls, Vt., and is open Wednesday to Saturday from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information, go to www.canalstreetartgallery.com, call Mike at 802-289-0104, or email artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com.

Artful items sought for VAULT's "Artful Flea"

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gallery at the VAULT's "Artful Flea" returns on May 28, 29, and 30 as a fun part of Vermont's Open Studio Weekend, which this year will be at 39 Main St. in the Woolson Block. Many thanks to Springfield On the Move and WB Main LLC for letting VAULT use this terrific space. Please don't bring the items quite yet, but start looking.

Do you have jewelry, art and craft books and supplies, collectibles, baskets, sewing supplies, picture frames, or interesting small items that can be used artfully? Bring them to the VAULT. Please do not bring any electronics or electric appliances, bedding, upholstered, or large items. Drop off donations to 39 Main St. on May 23 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and May 24 from 2-5 p.m., or bring items to VAULT during regular business hours.

"Artful Flea" benefits VAULT programs, which include exhibits and workshops for students and adults. VAULT is a marketplace for 125 artists and is located on 68 Main St. and is open Wednesday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Friday, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., and Saturday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Breanna Elaine performs

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Breanna Elaine will play the Stage 33 Live listening room in Bellows Falls on Sunday, May 29 at 7 p.m. There will be limited seating and the performance will be recorded.

Breanna Elaine has been making waves with her unique sound and strong songwriting: earthy folk with rock, jazz, and occasional punk underpinnings. She's been favorably compared to Jewel, Alanis Morissette, and Stevie Nicks.

Born and raised in Brattleboro, as a child she played violin and bass and sang in a band that performed at soup kitchens for the homeless. She moved to Northampton in her teens where she played in several bands and sang in a choir that featured African folk music and other explorative genres. At 18, she moved to the Rutland area to care for her grandmother, bringing her lifelong passion for singing and songwriting with her.

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